

## COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 20, 2017

The second regular monthly meeting of the Mannington City Council with Councilman at Large Charlie Kolb presiding, in the absence of Mayor Taylor, was held Monday, November 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at city hall. Other council members attending were Ken Fletcher, Ray Shadrick and Becky Williams.

City Clerk Michele Fluharty read the minutes of the previous meeting and they stood approved as read.

In department reports, Fluharty said Code Enforcement Officer Anthony Horton contacted a local firm for a quote on the removal of the burnt structure at 404 Adams Street and it came in for \$24,900. Council said they would like to get more quotes after having the property inspected for asbestos. The current owner was ordered to remove the structure but upon failure to do so, he is being fined \$20 a day for each day it is still standing.

Shadrick asked why some of the department heads are not attending the meetings at least once a month since that is part of their job requirement. Kolb said that will be addressed. Council agreed that should include the fire chief also.

Kolb reported that the work session with Sheriff Riffle has been postponed until December 4 at 6:30 p.m.

The only item of Old Business was the second and final reading of Ordinance #433 which approves the 2017 replacement pages to the codified ordinances. Williams made the motion to read the heading only. Shadrick seconded the motion and it carried. Kolb read the heading. Fletcher made the motion to adopt Ordinance #433. Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

In New Business, the first item on the agenda was Contract 1 & 2 for the upcoming Wastewater Project. Letters from Thrasher Engineering recommending Pro Contracting Inc (\$519,303) for Contract 1 and Michel, Inc (\$1,415,000) for Contract 2 were distributed to council. Shadrick made the motion to accept Thrasher's recommendation and award Contract #1 to Pro Contracting Inc and Contract #2 to Michel, Inc. Fletcher seconded the motion and all approved.

Thrasher also submitted five names to be considered as project inspectors. Williams made the motion to approve Fred Roman, Brian Channel, Scott Pacifico, David Mathias and Richard Busdecker as project inspectors for the sewer project. Shadrick seconded the motion and it carried.

Mike Williams' 90-day probation for his transfer to the water department has expired and Superintendent Ted Nice submitted a letter recommending his

permanent employment. Fletcher made the motion to approve Williams as a permanent water department employee. Shadrick seconded the motion and it carried.

Fluharty said after she and the mayor reviewed several options for the renewal of the employees' health insurance, they are recommending that the City stay with The Health Plan. With the change in employees, the premium should be less than the current year even though the plan has been changed from silver to gold. Fletcher made the motion to approve THP renewal. Shadrick seconded the motion and it carried.

Bids for the rewiring of the downtown lights were opened. The only bid received was from eSolutions for \$9,140. Fluharty said B&M Environmental was contacted but they declined to bid, and Jamie Tustin said he did not have time to submit one now. Fletcher made the motion to approve the bid from eSolutions. Williams seconded the motion and it carried. Chris Egress, the owner of eSolutions, was present and said he planned to begin the job in December. Egress said the lights on the old bridge don't match the other lights and asked if council wanted to replace them. Fletcher asked him to get the price on those lights and present to Council.

The annual year-end stipend was discussed. Fluharty said it was \$300 last year. Kolb said he would like to see it increased each year if the money is available. Shadrick suggested \$350. Fletcher made the motion to approve \$350 stipends to all the employees. Shadrick seconded the motion and it carried. Fluharty thanked council.

The outstanding bills were reviewed. Shadrick made the motion to pay the bills as the money is available. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried.

Fluharty said Kris Cinalli of the Marion County Commission contacted her to see if the City was interested in 22 acres of property near Big Run Dam that is being donated by an out of state property owner. After reviewing the maps, Council agreed that someone should look at the property before deciding.

Shadrick made the motion to adjourn. Fletcher seconded the motion and it carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.